



THE KHIE CONNECTION

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*Welcome to the Kentucky Health
Information Exchange Newsletter!*



Quick Stats:

As of October 21, 2015:

- ⇒ KHIE has 775 signed participation agreements representing 3,232 locations
- ⇒ A total of 1,087 provider locations, are submitting live data and exchanging information (see [page 4](#) for more details)
- ⇒ 90% of acute care hospitals in KY, are live on KHIE
- ⇒ \$200.6 million has been paid to Medicaid providers in KY, through the KY Medicaid EHR Incentive Program
- ⇒ \$337.6 million has been paid to Medicare providers in KY through the EHR Incentive Program
- ⇒ KHIE averages over 250,000 queries per week

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Did You Know?

The Kentucky Regional Extension Center will be hosting 4 Healthcare Transformation Survival Seminar Series in November and December of this year? To register to a seminar in a city near you, visit <http://kentuckyrec.com/healthcare-transformation-survival-seminars-announced/>.

A Message from the State Health IT Coordinator

Polly Mullins-Bentley



Greetings from the Kentucky Health Information Exchange and Happy Fall everyone! If you have not heard, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), on October 6, released a Final Rule of the Stage 3 and the Modifications to Meaningful Use in 2015-2017, with comment period. CMS also released a finalized 2015 Edition Health Information Technology Certification Criteria (CEHRT) Rule. The final rule changes the structure of the program and streamlines the objectives by reducing redundant, duplicative, and topped out measures. To learn more about the finalized Stage 3 and Modifications Rule, you can visit, [https://s3.amazonaws.com/public-](https://s3.amazonaws.com/public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2015-25595.pdf)

[inspection.federalregister.gov/2015-25595.pdf](https://s3.amazonaws.com/public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2015-25595.pdf). To learn more about the finalized CEHRT rule, you can visit <https://s3.amazonaws.com/public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2015-25597.pdf>.

KHIE, in partnership with the KY Medicaid EHR Incentive Program, is working closely on the implications of the public health reporting objectives for 2015 and beyond and will produce guidance in the near future of which will be posted electronically and distributed to our participants, partners, and stakeholders.

I also want to remind folks that KHIE recently upgraded its platform to offer “Platinum Services” or what we are calling the next generation of KHIE for providers. Platinum service is the industry standard technology that supports cross-enterprise document sharing among all providers.

Thank you for allowing us to be your state designated health information exchange. Without your work, we would not be possible. Thank you again!

Sincerely,

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Kentucky Medicaid EHR Incentive Program

Final Rule has been Released :

CMS released the Modified Stage 2 and Stage 3 Final Rule on October 6, 2015. The Kentucky Medicaid EHR Incentive Program team is reviewing the rule and preparing for system changes. Providers are encouraged to review the requirements to ensure they are prepared to attest. More information will be shared as it is made available. Your patience is appreciated!

Program Year 2014 Attestations:

If you have attested to Program Year 2014 and have not received payment, please contact our office at EHRIncentives@ky.gov or (502) 564-0105 extension 2480. This is a key indication an issue has been identified or supporting documentation is needed. It is imperative to correct the issue or submit documentation to avoid your attestation from being rejected for Program Year 2014.

2016 last year to Initiate Participation:

We want YOU!



To participate in the Kentucky Medicaid EHR Incentive Program. You can receive up to \$63,750 over 6 years.

Steps are simple:

1. Get an ONC certified EHR product
2. Make sure you are eligible
3. Register
4. Adopt/Implement/Upgrade/Meaningful Use
5. Attest

The EHR Incentive Program asks providers to use the capabilities of their EHRs to achieve benchmarks that can lead to improved patient care. It's important to know the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program is NOT a reimbursement program for purchasing or replacing an EHR. Providers have to meet specific requirements in order to receive incentive payments.

Participation is voluntary however, it's important to know 2016 is the last program year a provider can initiate participation.

Get more information at the following websites:

CMS website: <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/EHRIncentivePrograms/index.html>

Kentucky Medicaid EHR website: <http://chfs.ky.gov/dms/EHR.htm>

Kentucky Health Information Exchange (KHIE) website: <http://khie.ky.gov/PAGES/INDEX.ASPX>

This is a great opportunity to join over 4,869 providers in Kentucky who have received incentive payments for the EHR Incentive Program.

Kentucky Online Gateway (KOG) Implementation Update:

Implementation of KOG for the Kentucky Medicaid EHR Incentive Program attestation has been postponed. However, when KOG is implemented it will affect the way you access your attestation. It is very important your email address is correct and current as email will be one source of notification as well as accessibility to the attestation website. Updates can be made at the CMS Registration site at <https://ehrincentives.cms.gov/hitech/login.action>. More information will be provided in the future.

URL Change:

The link for the Kentucky Medicaid EHR Incentive Program attestation website was changed the evening of July 1st. Please update your favorites and/or bookmarks as needed. The new link is <https://prdweb.chfs.ky.gov/KYSLR/Login.aspx>. An email notification was sent out to all providers who registered to participate in the Kentucky Medicaid EHR Incentive Program. If you did not receive an email notification, please verify and/or correct your email address at the CMS Registration site.

Contact Us

The Kentucky Medicaid EHR Incentive Program team may be contacted in the event of questions or issues. Office hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. Email us at EHRIncentives@ky.gov, ask questions or describe issues through the Issues/Concerns section within the attestation website or call us at 502-564-0105 extension 2480.

Connection Updates

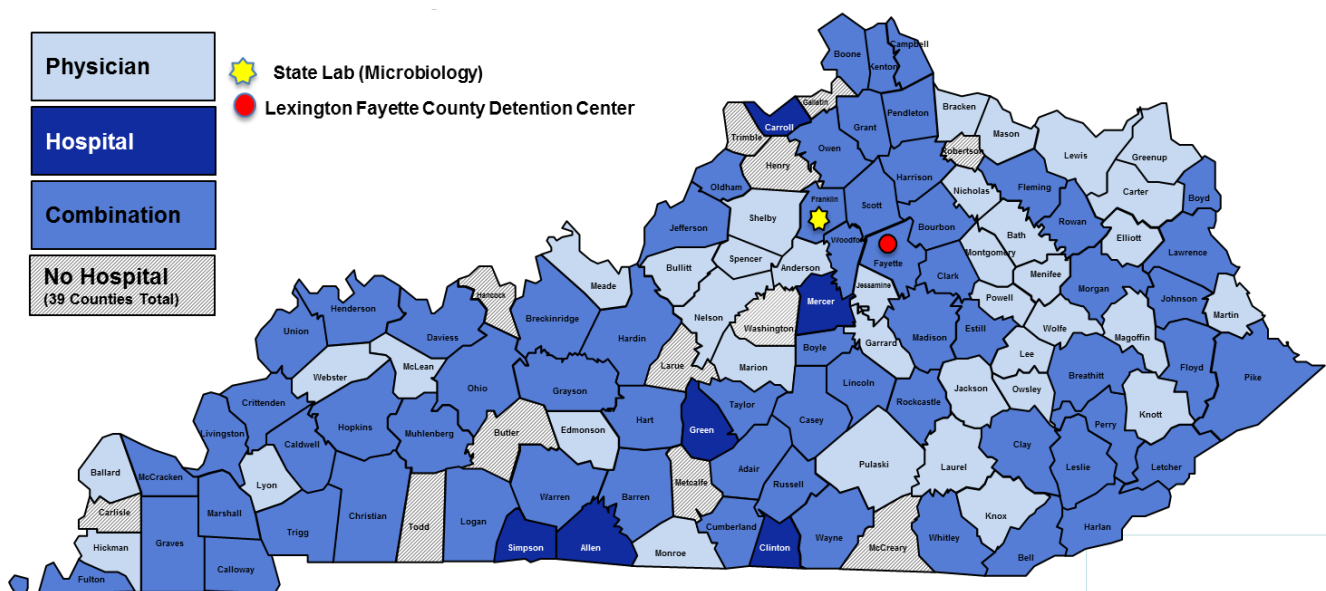
Statewide Health Information Exchange

The KHIE continues to build its robust health information exchange and currently has a total of 1,087 provider locations submitting live data and actively exchanging information. To see KHIE's footprint across the Commonwealth, please see the map below. Click [here \(http://khie.ky.gov/nr/Pages/khiemap.aspx\)](http://khie.ky.gov/nr/Pages/khiemap.aspx) to view all of KHIE's connections across the state.

NEW LIVE CONNECTIONS

The following providers have made new or additional live connections with KHIE:

- Eadens, Grimball Internal Medicine Associates, PSC
- Edwards Clinic, PSC
- Kentucky MSO, LCC
 - Central Kentucky Oncology and Hematology
 - Central Kentucky Pulmonary Medicine
 - Gastroenterology and Hepatology of the Bluegrass
 - Georgetown Neurology
- Kentucky River Foothills Development Council Inc
 - Clay City
- Owensboro Health, Inc
 - Muhlenberg Community Hospital
- Physician Management Services, PSC
 - Associates in Physician Services (Scottsville)



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Connect with KHIE
Offering a safe and secure connection for the exchange of electronic health data .
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EHR Incentive Program
Eligible providers and hospitals may qualify for monetary incentives.
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Meaningful Use
Learn more about how KHIE can support your Meaningful Use efforts.
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Register now and make hotel reservations for the [2015 Kentucky eHealth Summit](#) Sept. 30.

Get Started

Make the KHIE connection. KHIE outreach coordinators can help you [get started](#).

Providers submitting live data to KHIE



[Select a county from the map to find out who is connected to the KHIE and submitting live data.](#)

Contact Us

Are you a health care provider, hospital or other organization ready to connect to KHIE? Do you have questions, comments or need more information about the program? [Fill out this form to contact KHIE.](#)



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